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Educational Diversity

Attending a Private school from K-8, I didn’t deal with a lot of diversity issues because my school St. Patrick’s was very diverse. My school was very generous when it came to financial aid. The more students from one family the more financial aid the family received. I witnessed a lot of different ethnicities throughout my years. It was harder for the ESL students to keep up in the classrooms and as a result of the language barrier they were held back a year.

Going to Classical High School wasn’t that far in diversity from my elementary/middle school. Going to high school what I did notice was that there were a lot more Caucasians in the AP classes than all the other classes. The AP classes were something that your previous teacher suggestion you for. Most of the minority students were not chosen to get into the AP classes, assuming they didn’t think we would want to be in the harder classes or assuming we wouldn’t be good in those classes. We always had the option to put ourselves on the list but it meant more when the teachers suggested a student.